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TAGS: OVIP(THIANDOUM, HYACINTHE CARDINAL)

SUBJ: VISIT TO U.S. BY HYACINTHE CARDINAL THIANDOUM

1. HIS EMINENCE HYACINTHE CARDINAL THIANDOUM, ARCHBISHOP OF DAKAR, HAS INFORMED ME THAT HE PLANS TO VISIT US O/A JULY 30 TO ATTEND 41ST INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS WHICH BEGINS IN EARLY AUGUST IN PHILADELPHIA.

2. CARDINAL THIANDOUM ENJOYS IMMENSE RESPECT IN SENEGAL, WHERE HE WAS OBJECT OF HOMAGE BY SENEGALESE OF ALL FAITHS FROM PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON DOWN AFTER HIS RECENT ELEVATION TO CARDINAL. HE IS EXTREMELY CORDIAL FRIEND OF EMBASSY AND U.S., ALTHOUGH THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST VISIT TO NORTH AMERICA. HE HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT VISIT "WILL GIVE ME OPPORTUNITY TO DEEPEN MY RELATIONS WITH THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE." CARDINAL ATTENDED BICENTENNIAL RECEPTION AT RESIDENCE ON JULY 4, DESPITE MAJOR CONFLICTING EVENT OUTSIDE DAKAR BEING GIVEN IN HIS HONOR. HE EXPLAINED THAT, UPON REFLECTION, HE FELT HE SIMPLY COULD NOT FAIL TO BE PRESENT AT AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES DEPARTMENT SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FACILITATE CARDINAL'S VISIT AND MAKE IT MEMORABLE

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EXPERIENCE. IF HE TRAVELS TO WASHINGTON, WE WOULD RECOMMEND

THAT HE BE RECEIVED BY ASST SECY SCHAUFELE. EMBASSY HAS
PROVIDED HIM WITH LITERATURE ON U.S. AND WILL INFORM
DEPARTMENT OF EXACT ARRIVAL INFORMATION SO THAT RECEPTION
CENTER CAN BE ALERTED.
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